

District IV Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2004
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The **District IV Advisory Board Meeting** was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Stanley Neighborhood Center. In attendance were seven (7) District Advisory Board members, six (6) staff and approximately (15) citizens with eleven (11) signing in.

Members Present

Jim Benton
Jerry McGinty
Marjorie Griffith
Joshua Blick
Damon Burrows
Ed Koon
Council Member Paul Gray

Staff Present

Rob Youkin, Public Works
Kay Johnson, Environmental Health
Officer Roets, Police
Scott Logan, Traffic Engineering
Jim Armour, Engineering
Brandon Kauffman, City Manager's Office

Members Absent

Tom Englemann
Doug Leeper

Guests

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Order of Business

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

Jerry McGinty (Benton) moved to approve the agenda for the August 4, 2004 meeting. The motion passed 7-0.

Ed Koon (Benton) moved to approve the minutes for the September 1, 2004 meeting. The motion passed 7-0.

Scheduled Items

Kay Johnson, Director of Environmental Health was present to update District Advisory Board members on an environmental assessment of the Delano Greenway. The environmental assessment will include sampling of the abandoned rail corridor to test for pollution.

Public Agenda

The Public Agenda allows members of the public to present matters to the District Advisory Board. Each presentation is limited to a period of five minutes unless extended by the Board.

Staff Presentations

Community Police

Officer Roets, stated that officers like the 4-10 hour shifts that they are currently working and that in September all officers will transition to the 4-10 hour shifts. Roets stated that he has been attending Neighborhood Association meetings and warning people about a rise in auto thefts. Roets stated that this will be his last DAB meeting since he will be an School Resource Officer at North High School.

Action: Receive & File

West Street from Maple to Central Paving Project

Rob Younkin, Public Works, stated that the city is considering a project on West Street from Maple to Central and that they are currently asking for information from the public concerning the project. Jeff Bradley a Civil Engineer stated that he was hired by the City of Wichita for the design improvements for the project. He stated that the drainage project has been designed but there are three alternatives that the city could possibly pursue. He stated that this is a major utility corridor, and with the proposed improvements the project would move utility poles away from the street where some are currently located three to four feet from the curb.

Council Member Gray, asked what the current funding was in the budget for the project. Younkin stated that there is \$3.5 million budgeted, which includes the storm water funding.

Ed Koon, asked if how the new paving will transition with the old portion of the street since he was worried about a smooth transition especially for people hauling trailers.

Younkin stated that the transition would be handled during the design process. Younkin stated that the city first has to attain the right of way for the project, which they do not have enough money budgeted for this action. **Koon** felt that the city was on the right track with the building removals because of poor line of site conditions of the street.

Jerry McGinty, asked if the construction of the storm water project would precede the paving. Younkin stated that the storm water construction would precede the construction project.

Jim Benton, asked if there would be a estimated construction time. **Younkin** stated that there would not be a time because it depends on the option that the city pursues for the street project.

Koon, asked if there was a projection of the traffic counts after the project is completed. **Bradley** stated that the traffic count would increase. He also stated that all alternatives have five lane configurations and that the preferred alternative would be the safest because it would have the widest lanes.

Phil Zimkeski, owner of Snappy Photo was concerned about how much parking would be taken away from his business. **Bradley** stated that it would depend on, which project the City Council would like to pursue.

Council Member Gray stated that the city is going to address the ADA concerns that currently exist throughout the city. **McGinty** asked if the lesser alternates would address the ADA concerns. **Younkin** stated that the preferred alternate is the project that would resolve all ADA issues.

Jim Benton asked if the street would be able to hold the traffic counts in 10 years. **Jim Armour, City Engineer**, stated that any option would adequately hold the traffic projections for 10 years. Armour also stated that the difference would be in the lane widths.

Younkin stated that staff supports the preferred option. **Council Member Gray** stated that West St. is an important corridor and that this should be taken into consideration when making a decision.

Koon (McGinty) moved to recommend the preferred option. The motion passed 6-0.

Action: Recommend the preferred alternative.

2003 Top 10 Accident Locations

Scott Logan, Traffic Engineering, stated that the only intersection in District IV that made the top 10 accident intersections was the Pawnee-Seneca intersection. Logan stated that the accidents were at off peak traffic times.

McGinty stated that McDonalds is the biggest problem at the intersection. **Logan** stated that the city has looked into some access management improvement projects but do not currently have any funds available for the improvements.

Action: Received and File.

47th and Broadway

Scott Logan, Traffic Engineering, stated that the City of Wichita has been working with the Kansas Department of Transportation on the 47th and Broadway corridor study. This project was conducted to cut down on the congestion that currently exists at the intersection during peak traffic hours. Logan gave a presentation on the recommended improvements to the intersection. Logan stated that this project is not currently budgeted in the Capital Improvements Plan and it would cost approximately \$13 million dollars to construct. This project would be funded by the Kansas Department of Transportation and the City of Wichita.

Jim Benton asked if the ramp would be taken back further to handle the traffic volume that backs up on south bound 135. **Logan** stated that it would be something that could and should be looked at in the design phase of the project.

Council Member Gray opened the discussion to the public.

Bill Morris asked how traffic would get onto 47th west bound from the southbound lane. **Logan** stated that there would be a traffic light that would handle the traffic flow. **Morris** stated that this would create a problem with the northbound lanes. **Logan** stated that a traffic signal would increase the traffic flow.

Sharon Standard, asked about how the improvements would affect the area east of the interchange. **Logan** stated that one street would have to be closed. Sharon stated that she was concerned about a street closure because the amount of residential traffic that flows through the area. Sharon asked if there would be landscaping in the area.

Council Member Gray stated that there is not enough right of way in the area to do landscaping. This would drive up the costs of the project because commercial right of way would have to be purchased.

McGinty (Benton) moved to recommend approval of the study in addition that the consideration be given to extending the southbound off ramp. The motion passed 6-0.

Action: Recommend approval of the study with an addition of an extended southbound off ramp.

Board Agenda

McGinty stated that the Southwest Neighborhood Association would be meeting at the south branch library on the 26th of August.

Council Member Gray welcomed and introduced the newest member of the DAB Board Joshua Blick. Gray also stated that the new City Manger is doing a great job.

Benton (McGinty) moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandon Kauffman
District IV Neighborhood Assistant

<u>Guests</u>	<u>Address</u>
Irene Armstrong	1109 Greenfield
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Wanda Pierce	160 S West St.
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Julia Finley	1923 S Dodge
Margo McMillian	421 N Vine
Cheryl McMillian	204 N Parkridge
Sharon Stenholn	4519 Washington Ct.
Tim Ewgold	250 N Kansas
Gary McMillin	2626 S Fern